

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PBOR, PN

SUBJECT: CANAL TREATY PLEBISCITE

1. THE FIRST INDICATIONS OF A POSSIBLE DATE FOR A PLEBISCITE ON A CANAL TREATY HAVE BEEN APPEARING IN MEDIA REPORTS, INDICATING THAT THE PLEBISCITE WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OR ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS FOLLOWING THE SIGNING OF A TREATY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, LUIS CARLOS NORIEGA, AND EDUCATION MINISTER AND TREATY NEGOTIATOR ARISTIDES ROYO HAVE BEEN QUOTED IN THESE REPORTS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL, THE TRIBUNAL DOES NOT HAVE SPECIFIC AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A PLEBISCITE, BUT IT IS BEING BEING DISCUSSED AS THE OUTFIT LIKELY TO BE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY BY EXECUTIVE DECREE. THE TRIBUNAL IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING PLANS FOR A PLEBISCITE.

3. IN PREPARATION FOR THE PUBLIC VOTE, THE GOP HAS BEGUN A SERIES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT TREATY AGREEMENTS.

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